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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in an International Search Report dated September 25, 2001 for corresponding PCT/JP01/05373, to the Examiner's attention:

PCT Publication No. WO 00/33212, published on June 8, 2000;

PCT Publication No. WO 99/27432, published on June 3, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,933,145 to MEEK, issued on August 3, 1999. Applicants also include a copy of patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,111,574 to MEEK, issued on August 29, 2000;

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PCT Publication No. WO 99/30261, published on June 17, 1999. Applicants also include a copy of patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,918,217 to MAGGIONCALDA, issued on June 29, 1999;

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 8-314959, published on November 29, 1996, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

PCT Publication No. WO 98/35297, published on August 13, 1998; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2000-123046, published on April 28, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants note that the relevance of each of the above-mentioned documents with respect to the PCT application are discussed in the International Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further, Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

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However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
	1	English Language Abstract of JP 8-314959.
	2	English Language Abstract of JP 2000-123046.

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